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SUBJ: PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

REF: A) KUWAIT 3208; B) STATE 165394; C) STATE 161348

1. AS REPORTED REF A, AMBASSADOR FORWARDED COPY OF TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON LETTER RE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO MIN FINANCE & OIL ATEEQI FOR HIS INFORMATION. RESPONSE FROM GOK SO FAR HAS BEEN LETTER FROM ATEEQI TO AMBASSADOR DATED AUG 4 THANKING HIM FOR LETTER AND INFORMING US THAT GOK STUDYING MATTER.

2. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON OTHER MATTERS KHALED ABU SU'UD, GOK DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENTS SAID THAT GOK PREFERS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH COUNTRIES TO WHICH IT PROVIDING ECONOMIC

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ASSISTANCE, AND ATEEQI FEARS NEW COUNCIL WILL ADD AN UNNECESSARY

ELEMENT OF BUREAUCRACY TO PRESENT GOK AID PROGRAMS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR KUWAITIS DO NOT YET UNDERSTAND (OR MORE LIKELY HAVE NOT YET FOCUSED ON) RATIONALE FOR THIS GROUP AS OUTLINED PARA THREE AND FOUR REFTEL. IT SEEMS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT WHEN THEY PERCEIVE THAT GROUP COULD HELP STREAMLINE INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, AND IS NOT INTENDED BE FUNNEL FOR AID FUNDS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, KUWAITIS WILL REACT MORE FAVORABLY TO IDEA. MOREOVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED WE HAVE YET TO HEAR FROM ABDUL LATIF AL-HAMAD, DIR GEN KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHO AFTER ATEEQI IS MOST IMPORTANT GOK OFFICIAL IN MATTERS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. AL-HAMAD HAS BEEN AWAY FOR SOME TIME BUT SHOULD BE BACK SOON BEFORE DEPARTING FOR ANNUAL IBRD MEETING IN WASHINGTON. DEPENDING ON HOW USG INTENDS HANDLE MATTER OF NEW DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AT IBRD MEETING AND EXTENT TO WHICH DEPT WHISH US WORK ON KUWAITIS, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT EITHER (1) PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR US TO TAKE MATTER UP INFORMALLY WITH ATEEQI HERE AND WITH AL-HAMAD AFTER HE RETURNS FROM VACATION OR (2) CONSIDER APPROACHING AL-HAMAD AT IBRD MEETING, WHICH NEITHER ATEEQI NOR ABU SU'UD EXPECT TO ATTEND. IN ANY CASE BELIEVE IF WE COULD GAIN APPROVAL OF AL-HAMAD WE WOULD HAVE POWERFUL KUWAITI SUPPORTER OF PROPOSED NEW COUNCIL.

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